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EDITOR'S NOTE

My student-athlete career was fruitless and short-lived. My greatest success was as a mediocre track runner. I ran the 400 and the 4x4. Why "Rose" would put me in a relay race is beyond me. I didn't fall too far behind but I didn't make it easy for the last runner to get the win. I remember running drills in the basement when Mr. Rosenfeld told me to "stop trying to look pretty and run faster".

Little did he know, that was the best I could do. Then I tried my luck at JV basketball where I was just as below average as they come. My mom told me stories about the days my father, a basketball player at Germantown High School in the 70s, played for Mr. Parziale. That was my connection. I was sure to have inherited the basketball gene.

Well, unfortunately, I didn't so once I found "my people" on the pep squad I comfortably took to the sideline where I truly belonged. After a brief supporting role as the varsity football manager, I settled nicely into stomping and clapping.

As fate would have it, my mom had a best friend and her best friend got married and had three children. We all grew up together and they were my god family. Years later, my god sisters, Megan (263) and Shannon (264), would follow in my footsteps into the hallways of Central and go on to win three city championship games. For this edition of the journal, I interviewed the eldest sister, Megan, who I am still fortunate to spend time with when I visit Philly. Megan lived in Pittsburgh for years for law school after a successful basketball career at St. Bonaventure University. The pride I feel in my godsisters is unparalleled from our earliest days swimming at their grandmother's pool to watching our children play together as we talk about life, love, and careers.

Sports are often the common denominator for many people who seek out connections. We cheer for each other, encourage each other, and feel a sense of deep accomplishment when those we love can thrive in their talents. For me, being a student-athlete was more about the attempt at something unfamiliar and challenging than the competition with others. Sure, I wanted to win but what I gained in knowledge of the game and common ground with my friends and family was far greater.

I hope you enjoy this edition.

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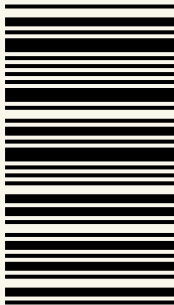
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MESSAGE FROM THE AACHS PRESIDENT

NEIL DEEGAN, 263

Today, there are so few things that bring us together as a society. Gone are the days when everyone watches the same TV show at the same time, for example. But, we still have sports. Sports remain a fun, exciting thing for us all to rally around.

And in Philadelphia, we sure have had plenty to be excited about.

As I write this, the Philadelphia Eagles are 8-1. The Phillies, quite unexpectedly, made it to the World Series. The Philadelphia Union made it to the MLS Championship.

And, perhaps more importantly, Central's sports team has had an incredible fall season.

Central's Girls' Volleyball team, Girls' Tennis team, and Girls' Soccer team and the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams are Public League and PIAA District XII champions. The Girls' Field Hockey and Boys' Soccer teams reached the semi-final round, and the Golf team took second place in the Public League.

Now, we look ahead to our annual quest for the Wooden Horse on Thanksgiving morning at Northeast High School. This year's game will be the 123rd meeting of Central and Northeast football teams on Thanksgiving, in **a rivalry that goes back to 1892.**

Make it a great Thanksgiving morning by **joining us for breakfast at Tiffany's on the Boulevard before the game**, then join us for kickoff at 10 AM at Northeast to cheer on our Lancers. Visit centralhighalumni.com to purchase your tickets today.

Finally, after Thanksgiving, on Tuesday, November 29th, we've got our single biggest fundraiser of the year – **Giving Tuesday**. Funds raised on Giving Tuesday help AACHS to continue its programming throughout the year.

Please consider making a gift to support our work to support the students and faculty at Central on November 29th. **All gifts up to \$75,000 will be matched by an alumnus of the 194th Class, Dr. John T. Williams.**

Mark the date on your calendar, keep an eye on your email, and visit CentralHighAlumni.com to learn more!

Thank you for being an active part of our Central community.



Message from CHS President, Kate Davis, 264

Hello Central High Alumni!

We are wrapping up our fall season and preparing to kick off the winter sports season. **Our teams did an outstanding job this fall!**

Our Girls Volleyball team won the Public League and District XII championships.

The Girls Field Hockey team finished the season 7-6, losing in the semi-finals to end their season.

The Golf team finished the season with a 10-2 record and finished 2nd place in the Public League. A member of our freshman class, Manik, won the Golf Public League Individual Championships.

The Boys and Girls Cross-country teams finished the season as Public League and District XII champions!

The Girls Tennis team finished the season winning the Public League and District XII championships!

The Girls Soccer team finished the season 14-1-1 winning both the Public League and the District XII championships! Our Boys Soccer team finished the season 8-5-1, losing in the semi-finals to end their season.

A huge shout out goes out to our student athletes, student managers, coaches, parents, and family members and alumni who supported this season.

The winter sports season kicks off the last week of November.

In the winter, our Athletics Department offers JV and varsity basketball for boys and girls, swimming, bowling, cheerleading, and indoor track & field.

We hope to see many of you on **Thanksgiving morning for the Breakfast and Game to support our Lancers at the annual game.**

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

DAVID KAHN, 220
ARCHIVIST AND HISTORIAN

The Moving of the Liberty Bell

As told by Stephen Werblun, 229 (Hall of Fame Inductee, 2022) to his classmate, Stephen Klein, 229 (AACHS Board of Managers).

Stephen Werblun:

The story behind this illustration is worthy of a movie or a book and I'm including it as a chapter in my upcoming book about my career.

A photographer friend of mine who worked for The Evening Bulletin knew that I wanted to be a Courtroom Artist. So, he gave me one of his official Philadelphia Police Press Passes to go downtown on New Year's Eve of 1976 to get noticed by someone in the news media as I drew The Bell being rolled out of Independence Hall for the first time in 200 years.

I was there on the completely far fetched notion that perhaps I would be noticed amidst the crowd of 100,000 revelers and be asked to do Courtroom Art for someone in the press. A pretty far- fetched, half baked idea that I took very seriously.

With my art supplies in tow, I went downtown on a freezing, snowy and windy New Year's Eve, parked my car, walked 2 miles to Independence Hall, got to the front steps and attempted to draw my illustration. Now from my vantage point right at the foot of the steps of Independence Hall, I could see everything that was happening with total clarity and no obstructions whatsoever. But how on Earth could I draw anything? The wind was gusting at 35 to 50 miles per hour, the temperature was 16° with a wind chill factor of 32 below 0, it was raining, snowing, hailing and sleeting!!



When I got home at 3 AM, my phone was already ringing.

I picked it up and it was my friend Bruce, the news photographer who had given me the press pass that evening.

He told me that The Philadelphia Daily News was clamoring for my illustration!

Apparently due to the inclement weather, not one photographer from the entire world press was able to capture a photograph because none of their strobe lights would go off in the wet weather!

My friend had me call Zack Stalburg, the then Editor-In-Chief at The Philadelphia Daily News. He told me that he wanted to publish my illustration (of course, he hadn't even seen it at that point!!) in the January 2nd edition of the paper and to have the illustration on his desk no later than 3pm that same day, just 12 hours later.

Well, I didn't have an illustration to bring to thank you then! So I whipped out a 30" by 40" piece of Strathmere illustration board illustration board and And took my brushes and ink to paper. Period from memory I put together the illustration you'll see on this email in about 10 hours. I delivered I delivered it to the news desk by is desk by 3 PM that day! Zach loved the illustration, paid me \$35 for it and the next thing he asked me was the one thing I went to independence hall on that freezing New Year's Eve to hear: "Have you ever done Courtroom Art before? Would you like to cover a trial for us?"

Thus began my (so far) 46 year career as a Courtroom Artist for the News media. **True story.**

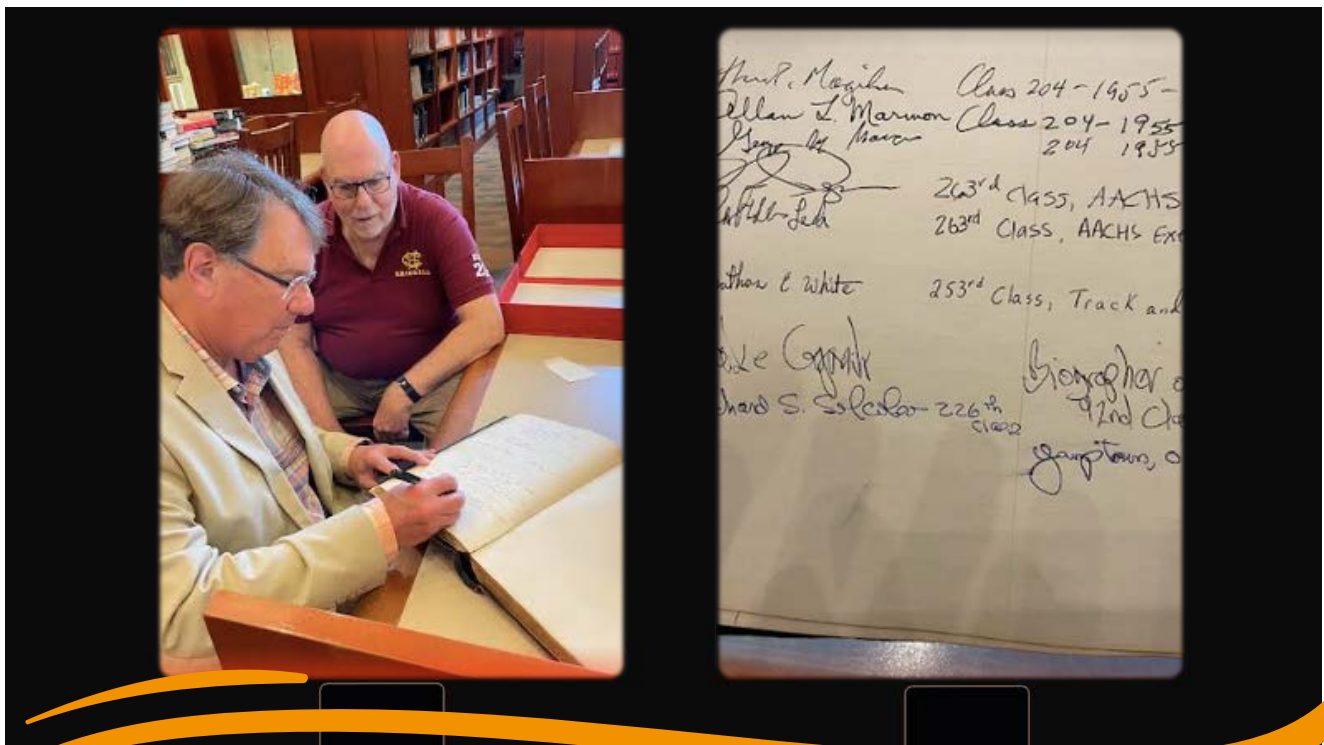
David Kahn:

I well remember that night. Jessica and I left a party in Elkins Park about 11 P.M. to drive to Independence Hall, to witness the move. It was pouring rain and sleet, so we found a phone booth(!), called friends in Broomall and went to their house, leaving about 4 A.M., still pouring rain. Arrived home about 5, and woke up a few hours later to a house alarm blaring somewhere, discovering we had 3 inches of snow on the ground! Since that night, we've spent every New Year's Eve with these friends.

HISTORIC SIGNING

In conjunction with the Hall of Fame ceremony, Rick Sokolov, 226 visited Central on September 16th because he cannot be in Philly in October. He is shown in the photos (courtesy Steve Burnstein, 222) signing the historic Visitor's Book, first used in 1840, Rick was inducted in 2006.

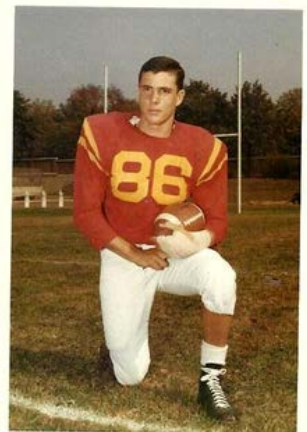
The 2022 Hall of Fame inductees who came to the school on October 19th and 20th also signed this book, one of the Archives most important holdings.



1963 FOOTBALL JERSEY ACQUISITION

"This photo was taken 10/18/63 just before our game against Frankford at their field. I wore the jersey every game that season to include 11/22/63 at Olney."

Donated to the Central High Archives by Captain Frederick Charles Branyan, 225





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**DR. ANDRE WATSON, 253
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST
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From a young age, **Dr. Andre Watson**, PsyD (253), was taught that education was paramount.

Andre's mom, Gladys, was a **health & physical education teacher and taught in the Philadelphia public school district for decades.**

"She was the kind of teacher who cheered louder for those who needed it most, and she instilled in me the notion to never quit."

But, the greatest lesson he learned was how to become – and remain – resilient when faced with obstacles.

Andre was diagnosed as legally blind at the age of nine. He was surrounded by a community of people who believed in him, and that empowered him.

On the first day of school, he met classmate **Jonathan White** (253). Their last names fated them to the same homeroom.



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They bonded over their similarities, but Andre shared that the kindness Jonathan exuded at his young age made him feel that he **found a second home in Central**.

"Central gave ordinary yet extraordinary kids a chance to thrive, where I - a black and blind kid from West Philly - may not have been given an opportunity elsewhere.

In tenth grade, Andre joined the wrestling team coached by **Mr. Carl Flaxman** who also taught biology at Central. Mr. Flaxman was very supportive of Andre, and so was the late **Dr. Sheldon Pavel** (13th President) who was one of Andre's greatest advocates. Dr. Pavel welled up with tears when he saw Andre win a wrestling match early in his wrestling career – a fond memory that Andre recalls vividly.

Wrestling gave Andre a chance to build his own resilience; he received the **All-Public High School Sportsman of the Year** award and as a senior he was named to the **Third Team All-Public Wrestling Team**.

In his adult life, he has found ways to stay close to the sport-coaching –many young adults including a **Central junior, Manny, who he affectionately calls “Central”** during their workouts.

Dr. Watson also practices in the art of Judo; he received his black belt and proudly **represented Team USA in the 2008 Paralympics**.

He made a comeback recently at 45 years old and **won two gold medals at the 2022 USA Judo Senior National Championships, in his visually impaired weight class, and in the all-sighted Master's division in his age bracket**.

As a student at Central, Dr. Watson felt that there was **no shortage of resources made possible through the AACHS**. He firmly believes that to be a well-rounded and successful human – to be able to work and appreciate all kinds of people – **it all came from Central**.

Andre earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh, and received his master's and doctorate degrees in clinical psychology from Widener University. He is a board licensed clinical psychologist, specializing in family therapy, supporting children, adolescents and adult relationship conflicts.

To ensure AACHS continues to support generations of students in their educational experience at Central, please make a gift today. Thank you.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

BY STEPHEN BURNSTEIN, 222



On October 19, the **AACHS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** was held at the Knowlton Mansion.

The evening began with a cocktail hour; the rooms filled with melodic sounds from student musicians playing the violin, saxophone, piano, drums and other instruments. Remarks from AACHS Hall of Fame Committee Chair, George Mosee, Jr. Esq. (232) along with President Kate Davis (264) kicked off the induction ceremony. Quiara Alegria Hudes served as a wonderful emcee, where she introduced all eight of the inductees and presented each with a commemorative glass bowl as recognition of having received this honor of becoming a member of the Central High School Hall of Fame. The following day, the inductees toured Central High School, and were invited to speak in front of a classroom of students in the English, Social Studies, Science, Math, and Arts departments.

AACHS Thanks to the 199 and 229

The 199 has looked upon the Hall of Fame as a “passion project” since its inception in 1973 when members of the 199 made their initial donation. Bob Rosenstein, a long-term member of the HOF Committee, and his classmates were among the first to support what has become a perpetually important AACHS institution, which has inducted more than 125 distinguished alumni over the years.

Another generous donation by the 199 was made at the October induction event. The class was presented with a beautiful etched glass bowl as a “thank you” for its generosity over 50 years. Were it not for the support of classes such as the 199, the HOF would not exist. **We thank and salute you for your support and hope that your example will be a model for classes that are looking to make a difference at the school.**

In the same Central spirit, the 229 has purchased a new digital interactive display for the HOF. This will make it possible to visit the HOF not only virtually from almost any location, but also at the school via a touch screen in the first-floor HOF corridor. It will serve as a reference tool for “all things HOF.” Barry Rosenberg and Stephen Klein are liaisons to the HOF Committee. We greatly appreciate their desire to champion for the project, and for their class to have made a huge investment in the HOF. The system was demonstrated at the October 19 induction and will be operational at Central in the new year.

The HOF Committee would also like to thank all of the advertisers and attendees of the Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

AACHS Hall of Fame Fund

We encourage classes and former Hall of Fame members to **support the AACHS Hall of Fame fund.**

This program is vital to the sustainability of our Central High School mission; to honor and recognize alumni who have attained great success and made strides in their chosen profession, as well as serving as a role model for future generations of students.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



*Cristin O'Keefe
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HALL OF FAME



AACHS HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CEREMONY

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On Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at CHS

FROM MEMBERS OF THE 231ST CLASS OF CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Teaching for diversity refers to acknowledging a range of differences in the classroom. Teaching for inclusion signifies embracing difference. Teaching for equity allows the differences to transform the way we think, teach, learn and act such that all experiences and ways of being are handled with fairness and justice. In essence, DE&I in educational institutions represents a broad range of ideas and initiatives to create learning environments that are safe, inclusive, and equitable for as many identities as possible.

We strongly support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as an educational priority to help attract, develop and retain Black and Brown students at Central High School. We also believe that CHS leadership must embrace these strategies to ensure opportunities for success for each and every student!



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CURRENT 9TH GRADE GOLFER, MANIK NARULA INTERVIEW WITH THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

by Alicia Oglesby, 258 & Mike Horwits, 251

Manik Narula (285) has been playing golf since his father first introduced him to the sport five years ago. He recalls warm summer days out on the green, golf club in hand, alongside his doting dad. Manik attributes his successes to the tutelage of his parents who have been supportive of his athleticism. Here's what Manik had to say about his achievements thus far:

Q: What valuable lessons have you learned about yourself this past year?

A: I learned to have faith in myself, especially winning as a freshman. I learned to trust that everything will run its course and work out in the end.

Q: What words would you share with student-athletes in a slump?

A: I would say to stay focused and keep practicing. The wins are going to come and you'll have a breakthrough if you keep practicing and don't give up. You may someday be on a big stage and everything you learned, the skills you've learned will come through for you.

Q: Who has helped you achieve success and what did they do that was meaningful?

A: Both of my parents have helped me a lot. They took me to play and practice. In the summers and spring, they were always coaching me to help me stay focused. They encouraged me and supported me.

Manik lives with his parents and older college-age brother in Center City. As to whether or not he plans to take his talents into the future, he states, "It's too early to tell".

MANIK WON THE 2022 GOLF PUBLIC LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2022 CAREER DAY

A FEW OF OUR 150 PRESENTERS

Nancy Abraham 272

MANAGER, PATIENT EXPERIENCE ANALYTICS

My name is Nancy Abraham and I was born and raised in Philadelphia. I currently work at Temple University Hospital as Manager, Patient Experience Analytics. I started working at Temple University Hospital as a Patient Care Assistant, while in school at Temple University for my nursing degree. Following graduation, I accepted a position as a Registered Nurse on a neuroscience floor. Just this year, I transitioned into Patient Experience, a role I was excited to grow into. I guess you can say I'm Temple Made! Though Patient Experience encompasses many job duties and responsibilities, I specialize in the analysis of patient surveys, provider reputations, complaints and grievances, and social media reviews. As busy as my role is, it has been great to nurture my bedside nursing experience and challenge myself into a whole new realm of nursing.



Lester Wurtele 202

RETIRED RADIOLOGIST

A fun fact: the person cropped out of Dr. Wurtele's photo is none other than Frank Sinatra!

BA CHS 202, 1954, BS chemistry Franklin and Marshall 1958, MD University of Vermont College of Medicine, 1964, Internship Albert Einstein 1964-65, US Army Medical Corps Fort Hood Texas and South Vietnam 1965-67, Residency Radiology Mayo Clinic 1967-70. Practiced in Philadelphia area 1970-2009



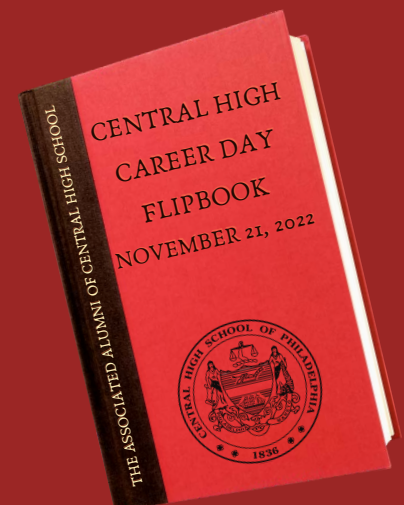
Tony Green 246

SAFETY SOLUTIONS AMBASSADOR

Tony is a proud graduate of the 246th graduating class of Central High School. Climate-tech and Sustainability educator/professional, Tony Green is known as a voice of sustainability and the adoption of alternative energy technologies. Using his 15+ years of experience in high-tech and clean tech as engineer, sales and marketing professional, and a science instructor/teacher allow him to speak "science" as well as "people" while explaining complicated topics in easy-to-understand terminology.

Tony most recently taught Math and Science to high school students at and school prior to embarking on a career in climate where he works with California utilities to help prevent catastrophic forest fires. A Navy veteran Tony served aboard a nuclear-powered submarine and holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Delaware and an M.B.A. with a specialization in Technology Management from University of Phoenix.

In his spare time, Tony speaks about sustainability and climate related issues, serves as a board member for Tri-Valley Cares works to prevent the further development of nuclear weapons and monitors nuclear weapons and environmental cleanups throughout the U.S. Weapons complex and is an En-Roads Climate Ambassador.



To learn more about our alumni speakers, check out the **Career Day 2022 flipbook**.

Thank you to CHS Administration, Faculty, Students, Speakers, Sponsors, and Alumni for your participation this year.

AN INTERVIEW OF A CHAMPION: MEGAN ELLIS, 263

Megan Ellis, 263, is now a lawyer, a wife, and a mother of 3 beautiful children, all nestled in the tight-knit community of Mt. Airy. Her life has come full circle after helping to lead Central Girls Basketball Team to their championship in 2002, 2003, and 2004.

As a new mother myself and a recent graduate of Howard University, I went back home that fateful year of 2004 with my young family to see my godsisters, Megan and Shannon, play. Megan, right alongside her younger sister, Shannon started for the team. I had known them my entire life. So when I decided to make the features in this edition of the journal about sports, I was eager to interview Megan, the eldest, about her journey in the world of b-ball!

Alicia: What do you remember about being at Central and being a star athlete?

Megan: I remember students and teachers cheering for us. That was such a great feeling. Everyone was excited for us as players and you know, that led to every next step for me, playing at St. Bonaventure and furthering my education. I was able to contribute to this team effort and I still talk about that experience today.



AN INTERVIEW OF A CHAMPION CONTINUED

Alicia: What are the significance of being female and an athlete?

Megan: As a girl, that meant that the support was there to raise awareness for women's sports, and people wanted to try out for the team. Other students knew who we were and what we had accomplished. I liked that this inspired them to play too and take our athleticism seriously.

Alicia: What has being a Central basketball champion taught you about life?

Megan: One thing about basketball is that unlike when you meet people in your work world and on other activities you're interested in you have to learn to work together for one common goal. Everybody on the entire team has the same goal. You learn to get along with other people who are very different from you and use what you have in common to your team's advantage. You have to communicate effectively and I credit basketball to a lot of my current strengths.

Alicia: What advice do you have for young women athletes?

Megan: Go to practice and practice on your own. Everybody has bad days and bad games but you should enjoy the good days and good games. Power through it all because you need them to learn from every experience. Life is a long journey and some days aren't great. That's life. When you're a teenager and student-athlete, you learn to manage those emotions. You learn to apply those same ideas to difficult situations. You learn the skills to deal with disappointment. I strongly support women athletes because of this.





ART MCNALLY HALL OF FAME

As told by Stephen Burnstein, 222
AACHS Board of Managers



I had Mr. "Mac" as a gym teacher and his reputation at the school was pristine.

He was always friendly to students. Although Mr. Mac could be demanding, he was fair.

We were intrigued by his activities with the NFL and I felt proud when I saw him on T.V. refereeing football games. **He innovated and fine-tuned numerous rules in professional football and served for many years as supervisor of NFL officials while also continuing to teach physical education at the school.** In the early '80s, I saw Mr. Mac at Philadelphia International Airport, on the way to reffing a Sunday game.

I approached him to say hello and we ended up talking about the school and our careers for 30 minutes until our flights were called. **He loved the school** and wanted to know about my vocation and family. Mr. Mac is a gentleman distinguished both as a teacher and an NFL official. Even today, friends ask about him and I always say that he continues to make us proud.

When I saw Mr. Mac's plaque in the NFL Hall of Fame, I shed a tear and then proceeded to tell everyone in the museum that he **"taught at my high school in Philly and was inducted into the Faculty Hall of Fame."**

McNally was a teacher and coach at Central until his appointment as the NFL's supervisor of officials before the 1968 season. This Fall, we honored Mr. Mac with a story on his induction. You can send any congratulatory emails directly to Art's family at mcnallyhof2022@gmail.com.

THE JOSEPH W. MCCLOSKEY MEMORIAL GIFT FUND

AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS “UNCLE JOE” TO HIS STUDENTS. HE HELD CENTRAL NEAR AND DEAR TO HIM, EVEN AFTER MOVING TO ILLINOIS IN 1955.

Mr. Joseph W. McCloskey taught English at Central, served as class sponsor, and was a mentor and friend to many students. A member of the Central Faculty Hall of Fame, Uncle Joe was highly regarded by his former students at New Trier High School and Central High School.

The investment that donors like you make to Central High School — one of the oldest public school institutions dating back to 1836 — has an immediate impact on the current students and the continued focus on academic excellence and enrichment of our youth now and beyond the iconic crimson doors.

The **Joseph W. McCloskey Memorial Gift Fund** has been designated to support a sophomore or junior student at Central to enter an enrichment summer program in the humanities or music that may also take the student out of the city, to experience life elsewhere.

Many such programs exist through universities, but the **opportunities through Central High, afforded to our students, are due to the financial support and commitment of donors like you.**


A faculty committee that includes the class advisors will select the student through an application process; the chosen student, in consultation with the advisor, will select a program that meets the humanities/music criteria.

The selected student will demonstrate both talent and interest as well as a need for the funding to follow their ambition.

In recognition of a man whose legacy will continue to live on in the shared stories of his love for life-long exploration through education, and his commitment to his New Trier and Central students—and **by giving to this campaign you enrich the region, community, and the lives of countless Central students** — a legacy that Joe would be proud to know now exists.

We all feel enriched by our relationship with Joe, “Uncle” Joe to many, and cherish our memories of his great smile, delightfully naughty wit, deep compassion, and high intellectual standards. Let’s hope this scholarship allows a number of potential “Joes” to develop their passion and knowledge and eventually to share their inspiration with others.

– Betsy Arsenault | New Trier High School, Colleague and Friend of Uncle Joe

 Please make your gift today to enhance the student experience, to support our educators, and to sustain the long-standing traditions and mission of the AACHS that Uncle Joe loved dearly. Thank you!

I'm So Glad I Didn't Leave Central for the Rice & Beans

by Karen Machin, 271

[Karen Machin's story continues from the spring edition of the *Journal*]

My Freshman Year:

My Freshman year of high school was both exciting, and terrifying. A new school, with new faces, and new races and ethnicities that I hadn't even heard of. Not to mention people just as smart as me, if not smarter. It was intimidating to say the least. I felt less prepared, compared to the students who came from better backgrounds. Never had I taken hours to do homework and I didn't have anyone at home to help me understand it. I looked into joining clubs, such as cheerleading and the step team, and quickly learned I had no rhythm. I looked into theater, but I'm a terrible actor. I considered picking up the clarinet again, but realized I had been out of practice for over a year and it wasn't my calling. I tried gymnastics, and out of the 10 things that I had to learn within the first week, I mastered a very basic backbend.

Meanwhile, my best friend from middle school would rave about how much she was enjoying her first year at her new high school. She loved her cute uniform that included a pleated skirt and a necktie. The basic uniform kept her mornings quick and easy, and she was able to focus more on her hair, makeup, and jewelry to express herself, rather than her everyday clothing. Many of the teachers were also either Latino, or black so it was easier to relate to them. The best part? Their lunch meals. She was so happy to have rice, beans, and pork chops for lunch as an option! Not to mention the fresh baked cookies. Wow, a real home cooked meal instead of a sandwich wrap or some reheated chicken nuggets?! Amazing.

This got me thinking. Why was I going through this torture of late nights of studying, getting mediocre grades, and still not fitting in now that this new place is way more diverse? I wasn't as fortunate to have advanced classes that kept me stimulated, or to have help at home for my studies and extracurricular activities. I was considering leaving Central.



I'm So Glad I Didn't Leave Central for the Rice & Beans (cont'd)

I started expressing myself more in my clothes and my hair. I stopped slicking my hair back with gel, and learned how to use a straightener and curling products for when I wanted my natural curls to be accentuated. I tested out a few more clubs, and learned that I actually did have rhythm for the dances that I was passionate about. **I gained touch with my Latino roots** by actually learning Salsa and other dances. I joined, and eventually became president of the Belly Dancing Association (BDA). I performed several years in a row for international day, and I learned how to make Meringue cookies as a contribution to the cafe. I connected with more faculty and staff who loved me and helped me with life advice along the way. To this day, there are still plenty of them who I am in contact with, whether it be on social media or on a regular basis, and I am forever thankful for their guidance, encouragement, and support.

My friend that went to the Latina school loved her High School experience too! She even met her high school sweetheart who she is now married to and has a beautiful family with. I admit that she may have complained once or twice about how annoying it was to go to a school full of hispanics from our neighborhood, knowing each other's business.

The late nights gave me a glimpse of what the late nights could look like in college, and gave me the discipline to manage multiple tasks and projects at once. Now I help run a financial planning office in order to help me client's achieve their own financial goals.

Being a half Colombian, half Puerto Rican, 1st generation American, I am forever thankful for the opportunities that Central gave me, with the mentors and guides that crossed my path along the way. I still find myself to be an outcast sometimes, but Central taught me that this is one of my greatest super powers. I now prefer to stand out in the crowd in order to express the talents and skills that I have to offer. I hope that you too realize that you are meant to be there, and meant to take the treasures that Central has to provide, in order to continue paying it forward.

I am so glad that I didn't decide to leave Central and that I've since mastered making my own rice and beans.





COLUMN A

BRUCE YASGUR, 216

We (the **216**) got around to holding our 60th reunion a year and a half late, due to Covid. In October 2022, we convened at the Warwick Hotel for dinner and visited Ogontz & Olney the next day. Fifty-four classmates brought 26 dates to the banquet. We welcomed new School President **Katherine Davis (264)** and were serenaded by the Avalon String Band. **Mike Bell** organized the event with help from **Les Littman**, **Bob Wartell**, **Laurence Saltzmann** and **Paul Cherry**. Paul, our historian, reminds me that we were entertained by a string band (Ferko?) at our 21st reunion (also a year late, due to a laziness epidemic. Mike Bell also organized that event at the Warwick.) Class dignitaries at this reunion included - in addition to Bell (Class Jock) and Littman (Class Kibbitzer) - Brawniest **Gary Sherman**, Heartbreaker **Jerry Costello**, and Olympic Gold Medalist **Stan Cwiclinski** (while an undergrad at LaSalle). Not to overlook the “barely-look-50” **Bristol Rush** and **Miles Radoff**.

It was as if we'd never gone our separate ways. Planning the reunion brought us back together after years and decades. I renewed friendships, with, among others, **President Eddie Anderson (CA)**, **Ivan Weiss (WA)**, **Paul Cherry** and **Ed Zissman (FL)**, **Robert Brown** and **Mike Bell (FL/NJ)**, **Dave Chanoff (MA)**, **Don Dyen (PA)**, **Henry Hertzfeld (MD)**, **Mark Homer (TN)**, **Frank Kochman (VT)**, **Ed Boehner**, **Alan Frankel** and **Laurence Saltzmann (Philly)**, **Ed Soll (NOLA)** and **Phil Wolf (NJ)**.

Instead of listing our fallen, let me share some brief anecdotes about the time I spent with three of them.

Artist **Phil Simkin** and I often showed up in the same place at the same time, like our mutual favorite Chinese restaurant. We'd frequently see each other around town. We also ran into one another out of town, specifically in Maine, where we both summered, including at 24/7 L.L. Bean after midnight. I last saw Phil in Downeast Maine whizzing around a Walmart in a motorized shopping cart, hardly disabled, relating to the world in his usual devil-may-care style.

One of my doctors turned out to be the wife of **Dave Lipson**, who, among other achievements, had become the distributor of my preferred pickled herring. Dave and I got together for lunch (no herring) and kept in touch. Dave proudly told me that his son was a military officer, and I invited the family to my congregation's Veterans' Day brunch. Lox, bagels, pickled herring and catching up were on the menu.



AN INTERVIEW OF JERROLD WALTON, 231

BY GENE MARKS, 241



Jerrold Walton (231) is a Principal at The Waterfall Group, LLC, a highly successful real estate consulting firm. Prior to forming The Waterfall Group LLC, Jerry worked for NRG Energy, a Fortune 500 company where he served as the Process Manager for FORNRG, a companywide, return on invested capital program. Jerry was also selected to serve as Editor of the CEO Report from 2005-2008, a quarterly + issued, comprehensive, company-wide commentary for NRG Energy's Board of Directors. In this role, Jerry reported directly to the CEO. Jerry has taught for a decade at Columbia University in Organization and Leadership – received a doctor of Education in Feb. 2021.

Jerrold is a proud member of the 1836 Society.

That's a lot of experience. So how did Central play a role? I talked about life, business and Central with Jerry during the summer of 2022 and here's what I learned:

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: Born and bred in Southwest Philadelphia.

Q: What is your overall memory of your time at Central High School?

A: Oh, so many. The meaningfulness that I get from Central is more impactful to me now, I think than then. I think when I look at it I would capture it by saying it was foundational for my capacity to interact with other people.

Q: Is there a specific example of a memory you can recall from your time at Central High School?

A: That period of Central from '68 to '72 was a tumultuous period. It's always relative here in this country, but it was at a time when I look back on it and even then was at the height of the black consciousness movement. Martin Luther King's assassination, Robert Kennedy's assassination, all that happened at the same time that I was attending a school that had a mixture of that time of races or skin colors. At a time when I was still discovering in a deeper way, my own. And one of the joyful experiences of Central. I'm so glad it happened to me during the period of black consciousness, because understanding what that means, it means to expand the circle and to welcome and recognize the differences of others so that they can be fully accepted as part of your own. Central taught me that, it taught me that you recognize people as different because doing that helps you to recognize their unique qualities.

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Q: Did you experience any issues being a black student at Central High School?

A: Not in a negative way. It was always positive, always. I don't think it was my naivete because I was pretty much aware as most of the brothers at Central were. Keep in mind that at the time Central was all guys. So we didn't really have time to pick and fight with each other. There were just other things to do, and we got that collectively and enjoyed those moments. But that was part of my experience and my recollection, the guys bonded all around. And so even though, again, things were happening in the larger world, based upon race, we all knew that and the teachers knew that too.

Q: How did Central prepare you for higher education?

A: Oh, very uniquely through Central. I found in myself, how would I phrase this? A purposeful joy of learning. I can remember doing homework with my sister who graduated from Bartram. We were about two years apart and I would do my homework and just enjoy those moments to an extent sitting across from her, but then she would finish and I would continue. I guess in part, because of the volume of homework, but I enjoyed that and, I think that idea of being a formal student, was something that I learned through Central. The idea of academic pursuits and how knowledge is one thing that cannot be taken away from you. I think as a black man, I understand that and appreciated that learning is something that identifies who you are and gives you the capacity for applying who you are.

Q: What was the vision for the Waterfall Group?

A: I was looking at how organizational coaching can have an impact. I developed what I call the dozen drops of water model. I had a copyrighted and trademarked and, from that I developed or broadened it to become more of an organizational development model. In other words, how do you match or marry individuals with organizational objectives in a tangible way? I formed the Waterfall Group largely to affect that through consulting.

Q: What advice would you have for central students when they're looking for a job or looking to succeed in their lives? What have you learned?

A: I would say it depends again on this particular student, because every student is different, but in speaking to an audience I would say for all of them that you have to look at yourself and ask yourself, are there specific courses that I do like that I'm taking at Central and why? And are there courses that I dislike and why? And for those that you do like, then ask yourself a further question. What do I do with this? And how does it motivate me? And I think from that you begin to build a resume of what you would like to do, and what inspires you. So I would say, start with that.

Q: What does the future look like for you? What's next?

A: I am drawn to return to graduate work but I have to see I've enjoyed this year of not doing anything, but some reading and relaxing. I enjoy academia, but I, of the role in academia, I prefer being a student. So I have some decisions to make, you know, certainly with the Waterfall Group and what I'm going to do academically and right now just enjoy life. Enjoy time with my wife.

Q: Do you have any final thoughts for Central students as they're heading out into the world. What would you tell them about the future?

A: I would say that the most control that a central student can strive for is control of the self. The external world is always in flux and will always continue to be in flux. Things will never be as we want them to be. But take this time at Central to relax. That doesn't mean sit back but relax, in terms of breathing, how you get through the process of education and recognize that it's a time to really learn how to control yourself. And if you can do that, then things external to you, won't be an issue.

GIRLS SOCCER CHAMPIONS



CHS Girls Soccer team continues to make history. On November 2nd, they defended their District XII title and are the first Girls Public League team to win a District XII championship two years in a row.

TIME TO THINK AND REMEMBER, TIME TO WRITE BY ED BOEHNER, 216

[Ed Boehner's story continues from the spring edition of the *Journal*]

Career possibilities thus delayed by a two wasted years in my opinion, I chose to hire with the Reliance Insurance Companies and would stay for 20 years. My timing was interesting in that this financially attractive multi-line insurer was being aggressively pursued by a young New York financier turned “corporate raider” named Saul Steinberg. I started on the ground floor as a claims investigator. Management promotions came quickly, first with various small offices on the southern shore of Connecticut, followed by a larger one in Pittsburgh and then to the Head Office in Philadelphia in a senior liability claims management position administering to the company’s larger and complicated financial exposures. **No longer a novice in the business**, I now stood on a precipice looking closely at what Reliance’s reputation had become in the property and casualty insurance business under Steinberg’s reign of using this stock company as his personal cash cow. I didn’t like what I saw for future personal growth and professional satisfaction and chose to barter at this point because I needed an exit strategy: the company agreed to pay for my law school education and I would stick around if accepted by my alma mater.

I talked my way into Temple’s law school Evening Division under its Sp.A.C.E. discretionary admissions program for those applicants who, young or old, worked during college to finance an education and whose criteria aren’t necessarily reflected by grade point average and LSAT scores alone. **I fit the profile perfectly.** This meant working four more years at Reliance during the day, attending classes in the evening and seizing every other available hour to study. Foregoing ceremonies on graduation day, I chose instead to meet with my boss and tender a formal resignation. After 20 years, I had earned my salary but Steinberg hadn’t earned my loyalty. It turns out I beat the exodus of many talented employees. By the end of the nineties, Steinberg left Reliance in financial ruin, the state took control, liquidated its paltry assets and declared it insolvent in 2001.

A proud fire insurance company with colonial roots in the city and founded in 1817 was no more. I was gone but not before securing an offer of associate attorney from the Post & Schell law firm where **I would practice civil litigation in 1986-87.** This established and growing firm proved to be a good fit, as I was shortly preparing and arguing motions and taking depositions on automobile and general liability cases and being schooled in the medical malpractice field, a staple of the firm’s valued clientele. But then I received an intriguing phone call from a headhunter asking me to interview with an association of insurers domiciled in Connecticut that “pooled” financial capacity from worldwide sources to insure a special risk of unusual technical complexity and catastrophic potential. Desperately needed was an executive officer to take command of the massive radiation cancer claim litigation stemming from the Three Mile Island nuclear accident on March 28, 1979 and the surge in occupational radiation injury lawsuits that took as their inspiration the punishing punitive damages jury verdict rendered in the Karen Silkwood radiation contamination case in May 1979. The organization in need was American Nuclear Insurers (ANI) and the risk was the nuclear energy hazard that exists at every nuclear power plant and facility licensed to operate by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (N.R.C.).

TIME TO THINK AND REMEMBER, TIME TO WRITE [CONTINUED] BY ED BOEHNER, 216

A quintessential niche job if there was one in risk management, I was persuaded to move with my family to the Hartford Connecticut area when the position was offered. **The challenge spoke to me,** but it took the next 20 years to put the nuclear energy hazard on firm legal footing that preserved the bedrock scientific principles sustaining insurability of the risk. Ionizing radiation as a human carcinogen is recognized for certain cancer types at high doses but not at low doses deemed permissible by the N.R.C. that are a fraction of natural background sources received as a consequence of living on planet earth. I faced a steep learning curve, as more than a century of study by epidemiologists informs the degree of probability of bodily harm because of radiation exposure. **From the earliest days of Madam Marie Curie's discovery of radium, radiation health effects have been intensely studied, accelerated obviously with the atomic bombing of the Japanese peoples in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and remains true to this day in the statistical analysis of their relative risk of long-term health effects.** Another important cohort followed by epidemiologists is uranium mine workers internally exposed through inhalation. A century of scientific data is considered by federal and state regulators in setting permissible dose limits for the public because of power plant routine emissions and for the nuclear worker occupationally exposed in a radiological controlled area.

More than two thousand---and counting---cancer claims were lying dormant in procedural purgatory upon my arrival. They were scattered in various state courts in various states with no means of transfer to a common forum and consolidation. That had to change, and did so when Congress amended the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to establish original jurisdiction for public liability claims in the federal court in the district where the nuclear accident occurs. Of note here, it was declared retroactive---one of the crucial issues on appeal decided by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in upholding defendants' position that I pursued doggedly--- thus a massive lawsuit removal process to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District ensued. The legal battle over procedural due process consumed four years!

I was on my way and the next critical step was to disavow the common law doctrine of strict liability applicable to the claims of nuclear workers or members of the public fearing and demanding compensation for the health consequences of alleged exposure to radiation. Otherwise, the sole burden of proof remaining is evidence of injury or disease somehow plausibly related to the exposure incident ---a fertile ground for imaginative experts to speculate because radiation leaves no biological marker with respect to health effects stochastic in nature. And that, too, had to change. My overriding mission now became supplanting strict liability customarily linked to numerous kinds of ultrahazardous activity with a duty-owed doctrine premised on the pervasive federal regulation of the nuclear energy hazard. It became critical to the timely and efficient resolution of the TMI Consolidated Claims on a sound scientific basis, as well as those nuclear worker cases being litigated in federal courts across the country. The appropriate standard of care owed to the public and nuclear worker alike should defer to the expertise of the regulator and be derived from the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 10 Part 20, first published in 1957. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals agreed, a holding eventually endorsed in virtually every other federal appellate court in the land.

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When a series of test claimants presented their expert testimony of a harmful dose having caused each one's neoplasm in pretrial evidentiary proceedings in Harrisburg Pennsylvania in 1996, it was found to be largely unreliable and not fit for a jury's consideration. ANI's team of trial lawyers and experts had done their job after preparing for this moment since the investigation of the accident on Mar. 29, 1979 and accumulation of relevant evidence commenced. In essence, not one of over two thousand individuals residing in unrestricted areas surrounding the plant could demonstrate having been personally exposed in excess of the conservative dose limits promulgated by the N.R.C. Since the test claimants spoke for all others, the entire case collapsed in succeeding years after the Third Circuit **affirmed the findings of the trial judge, Silvia Rambo, chief judge in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District.** Not one claim reached trial and not one was settled. It took 25 years to put the story of the country's worst nuclear accident in the history books of civil jurisprudence. The legal fabric in tort law adorning the nuclear energy hazard had been changed for the better, ensuring that a catastrophic risk in principle would not be transformed into a conventional risk deemed uninsurable.

With a challenging and rewarding professional experience in the rearview mirror, it was time to think and remember, and to write. I have written about my father's industrial labor union, the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE), and about a man---a Socialist in principle and loyal member of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)--- who until his dying day railed against the evils of capitalism and the excesses of corporate power when I was growing up. I'd like to see it published someday.

More recently, I've written about the ANI professional years, working the litigation desk, dealing with the health physics community of experts and learning about a scientific discipline of tremendous complexity. Someday if the United States ever gets serious again in going nuclear as an important source of carbon-free energy for the health of the planet, the writing I've done would be of value in understanding the evolution of the law during a period of much debate in the courts.

The legal landscape both in the federal regulations and in tort law with respect to how the courts have redefined the health risk at low levels of radiation exposure is now better understood. When the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 introduced nuclear power for peaceful purposes in the public interest, the legal landscape was open to much uncertainty---but no longer.

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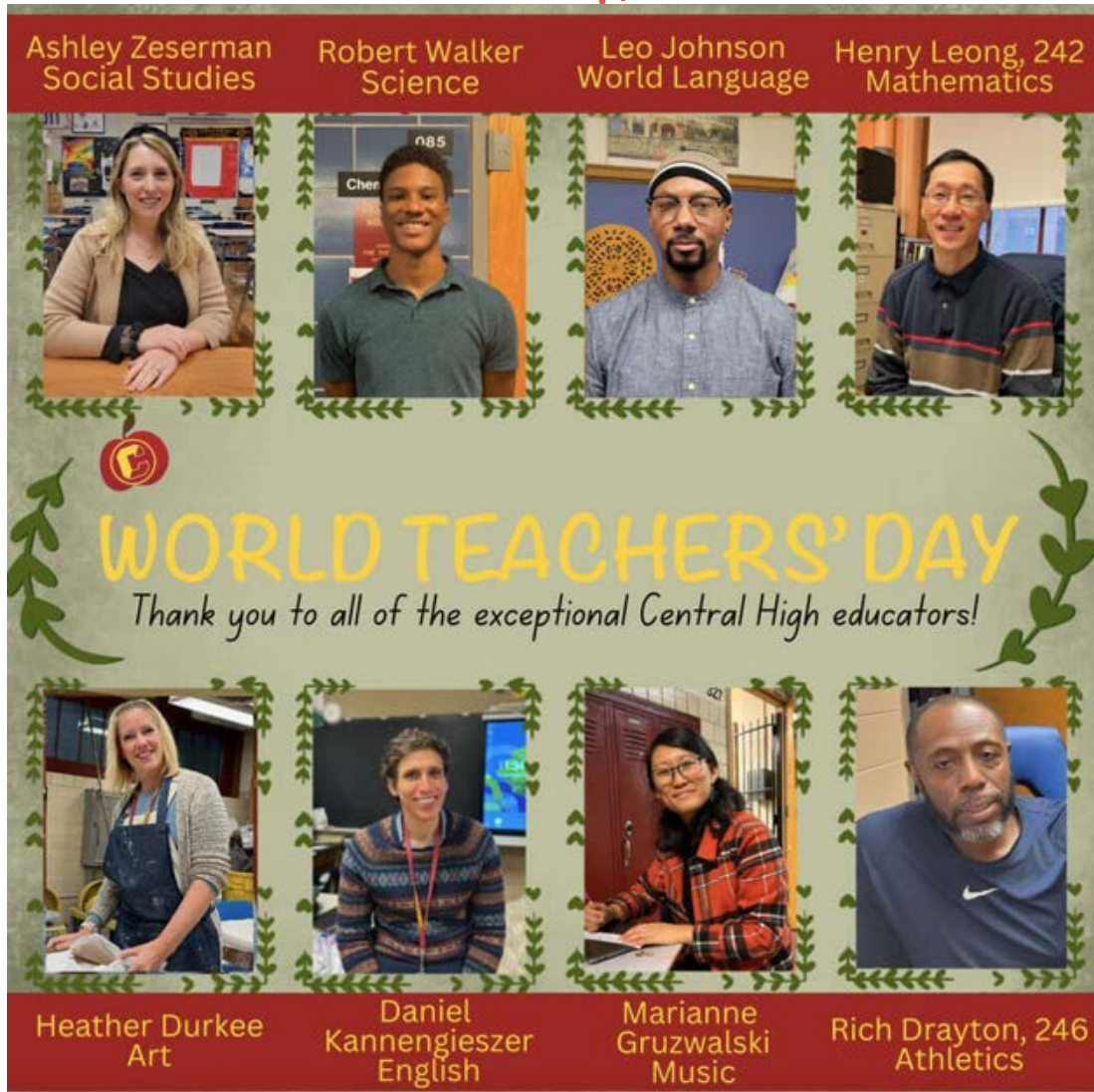
30 alumni helped to fund the bus shelter project last year, which showcased poetry and artwork from Afrocentric, The Mirror, and Mosaic.

Once again, the science and art departments would like to showcase artwork and brighten up the corners of Ogontz & Olney.

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Many class reps have held this position since they graduated, others have taken on the role after a reunion or for other various reasons.

Nevertheless, the designated individual **serves as the official liaison between the class and the Association** to ensure that their class remains actively engaged and involved with Central High School and the AACHS.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your class rep, would like to fill a vacant rep position, or would like to contact your class rep, please email **Alumni Relations Coordinator, Jazzmyn Mills, 273**. Thank you!

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ALMA MATTERS

226—Alban Salaman has been named to the Washingtonian magazine Top Lawyers Hall of Fame.

The Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame is inducting Charles Theodore (Tarzan) Cooper, **143**, among others, into its 2022 class in November.

Walt Truxell, **277**, earned all-conference honors in his last year at Delaware Valley College. Congratulations!

255 - Tarik Khan (D) defeated Torren Danowki by over 22,000 votes to become the next state representative in 194th district. This historic win welcomes the Pakistani American alumnus into his new role. He is also the first advanced nurse practitioner to serve.

Seth Bluestein (**266**) was featured on CNN recently to discuss voting rights in Philadelphia.

'The Most Influential Philadelphians Right Now' according to *Philadelphia Magazine* lists numerous Central Alumni. Not only does the list include the incredible individuals below, but it also features alumni parents, such as Dr. Steven Shapiro (**225**), whose time at Old High undoubtedly helped in raising their successful children. Take a look:

23rd Jamie Gauthier (**255**)

Unshakable Progressive STOCK: Rising. While others have wavered (including Mayor Kenney), Councilmember Gauthier has remained steadfast in confronting the city's gun-violence crisis. QUOTABLE: "We need to be aggressive and courageous in our approach to gun-violence prevention, but that doesn't mean repeating the mistakes of our past."

53rd Keith Leaphart (**251**)

Philanthropy Titan STOCK: Rising. While sitting on boards across town — the Lenfest Foundation, the Inquirer, and the Philadelphia Health Management Corporation, to name a few — the CEO of both Replica Creative and Philanthropi is expanding his direct-giving reach beyond the c-suite and into our wallets. MAJOR MOVES: In September, Leaphart announced he was collaborating with American Express to make it easier for card members to donate to charities near and dear to them via the new AMEX Round-Up feature.

60th CHAD WILLIAMS (**257**)

Your Favorite Chef's Favorite Chef's résumé would demand respect in any city, from handling 325 covers a night with Garces to finessing technique at Eleven Madison Park in Manhattan and Manresa and Saison in California. Here in Philly, Williams runs the show at Friday Saturday Sunday on his own terms, serving food that translates his travel experiences and upbringing into lamb ribs with cherry jus, coco bread and jerk-seasoned quail, and gemelli served with lardo and scallop XO. Regarding the pandemic, Williams stated that "There were two years where folks couldn't go out the way they wanted to," "There's something about being cooked for rather than throwing a party yourself that really changes the joy you get from it. It's more comforting when you have someone who really takes care of you." — Hannah Albertaine

64th Senator Sharif Street (**251**)

Party Boss STREET FIGHT: The Democratic state senator became the first Black person to lead the state party following a bruising campaign against Delco's Jerry Lawrence — who had Governor Tom Wolf and U.S. Senator Bob Casey in his corner.

65th AUBREY MONTGOMERY AND Neil Deegan (**263**, current AACHS President)

Moneymakers GREASING THE WHEELS: The influence of the duo behind political fund-raising giant Rittenhouse Political Partners extends beyond the Delaware Valley — they're credited with pushing Ed Gainey in his upset win in last year's Pittsburgh mayoral race, too. WHO'S WHO: A quick spin through the firm's financials could fill a Rolodex of Philly pols — Vincent Hughes, Malcolm Kenyatta, Larry Farnese, Jamie Gauthier (#23), and more.

82nd PEDRO RAMOS (**242**), former AACHS board member

Hometown Hero BLOCK CAPTAIN: The North Philly native has spent his career — from chairing the school board to serving as Philly's managing director and city solicitor to his work now as president and CEO of the Philadelphia Foundation — making his hometown a better place. His careful navigation of the foundation is evident across the city, from the PHL COVID-19 Recovery Fund to advancing and supporting LGBTQ rights.

86th SHANNON MALDONADO (**260**)

Block Builder NEXT UP: Since turning her Queen Village boutique Yowie into a national name, Maldonado has upped the ante, buying a 9,600-square-foot building on South Street. Expect a small hotel, a cafe and a shop, all opening soon.

REUNION UPDATES



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211 Class Reunion, May 7th, 2023

218 61st Class Reunion, June 2nd-3rd, 2023

Friday June 2, at Central High - a luncheon and chance to meet President Katharine Davis, (264), and Saturday June 3 at Marriott Conshohocken Courtyard, 111 Crawford Avenue, West Conshohocken, PA 19428 (610-941-5600) 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM.

We have selected a buffet menu. Room Reservations can be made now. Significant Others are welcomed to attend all events. Your presence is most important to us. Please contact Barry Brait for any questions or assistance. Our class will be **accepting donations** for an **Assembly Speakers Fund for the Sophomore and Junior Classes**.

220 Class Reunion, May 5th-May 6th, 2023

231 50th Class Reunion, May 6th, 2023

241 40th Class Reunion, November 25th, 2022 | 7pm - 11pm

Please RSVP to 241Central82@gmail.com

This event will take place at Maggiano's Little Italy. 12th & Filbert Streets in Center City
The cost to attend is \$135 per person and attendees will receive a 40th reunion tshirt. Please Venmo Nicholas Taweel @CentralHigh241 or email the above address to pay by check.

266 15th Class Reunion, November 26th, 2022 | 7pm- 12am

The planning committee has agree to host this event at Giovani's Bar and Grill. This will also be a fundraiser event for City Commissioner Seth Bluestein but there is no pressure to donate. Please reach out to Agin Thomas for further details.

271 10th Reunion, November 26th, 2022 | 8pm - 12am

The Felt Factory, 1523 E Wingohocking St, Philadelphia, PA 19124

Attire: Dressy Casual

Ticket Cost: \$100 | \$125 | \$140 (tier pricing depending on how early you buy your ticket)

Tickets can be purchased here: **<https://chs271.ticketleap.com/271reunion10>**

203 CLASS REUNION

The 203rd Class Celebrates Their 67th Reunion

On August 26th, the 203rd class celebrated its **67th class reunion (Jan '55) at Linwood Country Club** in New Jersey.

It was beautiful, summer afternoon, and a delightful time as our classmates gathered to talk about our time at Central. We reminisced about the teachers we had, and the lifelong friendships we made 67 years ago.

Seated from left to right:

Howard Shubin, Barry Maser, Marty Litvin, Jesse Williams, Harry Brooks and Bill Murray.

Standing from left to right:

Joe Finkel, Steve Fink, Phil Remstein Bob Shoenfeld



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208 CLASS REUNION

The 208th Class Celebrates Their 65th Reunion

"The food was good, the temperature only slightly on the chilly side, but **the stars of the show were the classmates reminiscing about their funniest (and not so funny) memories of their years at Central. Surprising stories came out, so we were laughing the whole time.** Stan Dunn captured this on his video camera.

We had a special appearance by Central's President. Kate Davis, 264, who commented on the 100 days of her presidency and hopes for the future. We **presented her a painting by our own Gene Samuelson, a watercolor showing the school with the class poem by our Ted Spivak.** (See the photo below.) The painting is beautiful and will be displayed prominently at the school. This was a real highlight of the day.

We **sang the school song** in closing, **read Ted's poem**, and posed for the group photos below.

We all agreed the key to the next reunions is the number of classmates who attend, not the venue not the food, not the time/date. **We want to see each other. So, each of us will be asked to nag a few guys to come next time, to maximize the turnout.**

Frank Freedman is continuing to work on a video, with input from Stan's efforts on Sunday, for a web presentation for us. Meanwhile, he will be running a Zoom session on Friday the 21st at 10 am Eastern, and I will be hosting a Zoom session on Friday, November 18th at 1 pm Eastern. Frank and I will continue to alternate our bi-monthly sessions.

Special thanks to Stan and Shelli Dunn, who did so much of the work organizing the event and making everything run smoothly. They made the ID cards, ordered the Coozies (soda can holders), collected and disbursed the funds, videoed the event, and kept things on an even keel." - **Mickey Greenblatt, 208**

Seated from left: Merrill Freedman, Merrill Paletz, Art Slomine, Harry Weinheimer, Jerry Marshall, Mickey Greenblatt. Standing: Eddie Matzkin, Joel Myers, Al Kaplan, Dave Wanicur, Warren Gross, Phil Brandt, Marv Corman (obscured), Marty Kessel, Gabe Moss (obscured), Herb Heffner (obscured), Bob McNutt, Ed Vogel, Yale Richmond, Ihor Lissy, Stan Dunn.

Seated from left: Merrill Freedman, Merrill Paletz, Art Slomine, Harry Weinheimer, Jerry Marshall, Mickey Greenblatt. Standing: Eddie Matzkin, Joel Myers, Al Kaplan, Dave Wanicur, Marv Corman, Warren Gross, Phil Brandt, Herb Heffner, Gabe Moss, Marty Kessel, Bob McNutt, Ed Vogel, Yale Richmond, Ihor Lissy.



208 CLASS
65TH
REUNION



LEADING THE WAY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

204 CLASS GIFT CAMPAIGN RAISES \$31K

THE "LEADING THE WAY" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN RECEIVED A BIG BOOST EARLIER THIS YEAR IN THE FORM OF A \$5 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The grant is through the Commonwealth's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, which funds projects like this help create new spaces to benefit the community economically and culturally. **The total awarded amount from this program is \$15 million.** This support has not been widely seen before, and we are tremendously thankful, but **we need your help!**

Many of you have been back in the historic building at Ogontz & Olney for recent events like the Meet & Greet with President Davis (264), Career Day, and reunion tours. Many remark on how much the school looks the same from when they attended Central. However, the major difference is how crowded the school is now, and how difficult it is to receive the funding support needed for school-wide upgrades to reflect the 21st century.

The building is eighty years old - and is in much need of site improvements, and space expansion for the nearly 2500 students, faculty, administration, and guests who are in the building on any given day. **In order to alleviate the space concerns of this building, phase II must be completed to allow for renovations to build a brand new STEM wing center, digital technology lab, a student commons area, and additional classroom upgrades throughout the building.**



The 204 Class understands the great need to support the LTW campaign.

Members of the 204th graduating class surprised their class president and representative, **Arthur Magilner, M.D.**, with a room dedication in honor of his lifelong commitment to Central and to their class. Art has kept classmates informed over the decades, and has been a wonderful ambassador, speaking highly to the importance of giving back to our alma mater.

A gift campaign led by **Honorary Life Member, Allan Marmon, Esq., and Elliot Silverman** was rewardingly successful—the class raised over \$31,000 to the capital campaign in under two months, **all without Art's knowledge.**

Art, Allan, classmate George Marcus, along with AACHS Archivist and Historian, David Kahn (220), AACHS President, Neil Deegan (263), and Executive Director, Cynthia Lech (263), attended the ceremony.

Allan jokingly called this mission the **"Art of Deception & Deception of Art."**

When Cynthia connected with Art and Elliot, they shared their wisdom on how they were able to compel their classmates to give back:

"We all recognize the importance of the time we spent together at Central, and how meaningful it was in shaping our lives, and careers."

"To show our genuine gratitude to Central in this way, we know that not everyone is in the same financial place, but we believe — as it was shown by our ability to raise \$31k — that everyone has the means to make a gift of any size to show their support of Central. That makes all the difference."

There is no better time than right now to invest in the future of Central. Visit CentralHighAlumni.com/LTW to find out how you can support our students and educators in their quest to continue to lead the way in academic excellence, extracurricular activities, and the spirit of Central High School.

Contact the **AACHS Development Office** to connect or make a gift today.



1836 SOCIETY

Named in honor of the year that Central High School was chartered, the **1836 Society** is reserved for donors who make gifts of **\$1,836 or more**.

With an annual minimum gift of \$1,836, members of the 1836 Society are invited to an annual Members-only reception and recognition at the AACHS Annual Meeting each June where each new Member is presented with an 1836 Society pin.

Donors may join the 1836 Society through a donation or pledge of \$1,836 or more annually.

Donors who have previously made donations in the same fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) may add to that amount to reach a cumulative gift of \$1,836. Matching gifts made through your employer are also counted in the total.

To learn more about the 1836 Society, contact AACHS Executive Director Cynthia Lech at development@centralhighalumni.com or learn more at <https://centralhighalumni.com/1836-society>.



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The Annual Meeting: June 6th, 2023

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NOTICE TO THE AACHS MEMBERSHIP ALL ALUMNI ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY!

The Committee on Nominations and Elections (CNE) is soliciting candidates interested in serving on the Board of Managers.

The CNE is particularly interested in Alumni/Alumnae who have already expressed interest in serving and are already participating in committee work or other areas that directly benefit the AACHS and/or Central High. However, all recommendations will be reviewed.

Qualified candidates interviewed previously but not nominated may be interviewed again without prejudice.

Anyone interested in this opportunity should forward a Letter of Interest and their Resumé by e-mail to Co-Chairpersons: David Kahn, 220, and Marisa Block, 265 at nominations@centralhighalumni.com with the subject line: AACHS Board Service.

The deadline for inclusion in this year's selection process is January 10, 2023. No exceptions will be made for late applications.

Board members whose terms expire this year and indicate their wish to be renominated will be considered by the CNE before those respective seats are offered to new candidates.

Current Board Members who are interested in Officer Positions should indicate by email which positions they hope to interview for by December 15, 2022. Thank you.





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